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Marginal Column

THE mind of Asia has seldom been as difficult to gauge as in its expression during the Economic Commission for Asia and the Far East session at Lahore which ended last week. Delegate after delegate from the Asian countries built up in fragments the picture of Asia as a continent of confidently independent nations all big and little, economically capable of standing on their own. Through all the bureau reports, the plenary session was examining such as those on transport, industry and trade, emphasizing the importance of pooling information and occasionally resources. It was clear that every Asian country wished to pull itself up by its own bootstraps, so long as someone would produce the boots.

THE most significant motion introduced at Lahore was proposed for future debate. It was Amjad Ali, of Pakistan, who raised American eyebrows by proposing that industrialized countries should guarantee a continuation of supplies of capital goods to backward countries in exchange for raw materials which the latter could supply. The motion adequately expressed the fears of the Asian countries, which are attempting to increase food production by big programmes of capital expenditure largely on hydro-electric schemes, that Western rearmament will eventually increase the cost of the required capital goods or even prevent their supply. The implied suggestion that the West was as much dependent on raw materials from the East as the East on capital imports from the West was obviously unpalatable to the United States delegation.

THOUGH delegates officially approved of E.C.A.F.E.'s work and noted the continuation of the Commission's existence, in private many expressed themselves sickened by the prolonged political wrangles which stifled the work at the technical experts. "It's appalling," said a Western delegate, "that the so-called backward countries in their desperate economic need should have to sit and listen to hours of propaganda chatter from the enlightened West." The frustration was so apparent that I found myself always asking delegates what purpose they thought such a plenary session served. In the end the reply was always reduced to "It gives each of us an opportunity of seeing at first hand the problems of the countries in which we must." Whether these problems can be properly appreciated through the prearranged political veil is very hard to assess. For it is not always the Russians who are to blame. The stress laid by the Russian delegation on help to cottage industries, though mocked over the tea-tables by several Western representatives, was seriously noted in Pakistan where any attempt at large-scale mechanization of agriculture will throw countless thousands out of work unless they can be profitably employed on home crafts.

AMERICAN reverence for a world-wide freedom of trade is so strong that the U.S. delegation immediately slipped down all amendments to a harmful-looking Birminghams resolution calling for increased trade between Europe and the East. The Indians at any rate felt that American suspicion in this instance was just as light as that of the Russians. Undoubtedly the various bureaus of E.C.A.F.E. have compiled a mass of most valuable data, but since the Commission is a purely advisory body it cannot expedite the actual aid at which the East is in urgent need. As Pakistan's Finance Minister, Qudus Khan, told the delegates: "It must be understood that most of us are still unable to make use of merely technical advice." At Lahore the countries of Asia have made quite clear what in terms of capital requirements they need. They need that the supplies remain that the Western members of E.C.A.F.E. despite their attempts at understanding, are still reluctant to what the West considers the East should have. It was not only the Russians who raised the first objection.

Lahore, March 15.

No Local Cement For Private Use

TEL AVIV, Saturday. — Private building will not be granted any allocation of locally-made cement for the time being and any private construction will have to be carried out with cement obtained through non-payment imports, Mr. Ya'akov Gori, Minister of Trade and Industry, told the press here yesterday.

The new priority list for cement distribution, which has been adopted by the Cabinet, allows 60 per cent of Nesher's output to the Ministry of Defence, Agriculture and Labour — the last being responsible for all public housing schemes.

The balance is to be divided among local authorities, the Custodian of Absentee Property, the Investment Centre and other public bodies. The distribution within each body is to be left to its own discretion, as they know best what all this means," Mr. Gori said.

There will be a special allocation for some 70,000 rooms now under construction by private builders, and the Government will honour its promise to supply cement for the Hahadara veterans housing scheme.

The cement left after deducting the Defence, Agriculture and Labour Ministries' consumption, is no more than 40 per cent of the country's requirements, Mr. Gori said. Prospects that the Shimon cement factory would start work in 1961 are not good. The construction of a second new plant near Ramle is still in its initial stage, and a third is being planned.

Some Goods Not Procurable

The public must realize there are goods which cannot be procured at present, Mr. Gori said. Even a full supply of cement would not solve the building problem, as each ton of cement requires iron and timber to the value of \$75. To reduce the need for iron, construction in stone and clay is to be studied by a Government committee under the chairmanship of Prof. H. Neuman, of the Haifa Technical College.

Mr. Gori said he was aware that there were being sold at exorbitant prices such goods as cement, but he said it was to be fought by economic means, not by putting a controller over every citizen.

There is a well-founded belief that the foreign exchange only be used to buy such goods as cement, Mr. Gori said. He would not give details but said the optimum was to be sought by the Ministry of Finance. The money would be used to acquire goods, he said.

Mr. Gori is to leave for the U.S. at the end of the month to assist in the preparation for the "Independence Bond" drive. He is expected to remain in the U.S. for three weeks.

P.M. Asks World Jewry to Rally Around Israel

TEL AVIV, Saturday. — Prime Minister Ben Gurion, speaking at the Mafpi Party Council here last night, said the Zionist movement should identify itself with the State of Israel.

That should be the party's programme for the forthcoming Zionist Congress, he said. Zionism should "come out of its swaddling clothes" and rally the Jewish people everywhere in the world around the State.

"There is no greater obligation of Zionism than living in Israel," Mr. Ben Gurion said. It was incumbent on the "nation in the Diaspora" to bring here as many people as possible in the shortest possible time.

"Whether there will be one or two million Jews here shortly may decide the future of the country," he said.

Special Status

The Zionist movement will, undoubtedly, receive a special status in the State, the Prime Minister said. But what really mattered was the position the Zionist movement would obtain in Jewish communities abroad. He said he did not believe there was one single Jew who did not want a Jewish State, and those who had opposed Zionism in the past had done so because they lacked faith that such a state would ever become a reality.

A state, if it expects to be independent, cannot accept directives from abroad. It was the duty of Zionists abroad to help the State of Israel by providing for the ingathering of the Exiles — there was no other reason for the Zionist movement, he said.

Mr. Ben Gurion's speech on the Zionist Congress came as a surprise, as he had been scheduled to speak on his party's stand in the Knesset elections. He said, however, that he was not yet prepared to speak on that issue, but would refer to it at a special meeting of his party to be called in April.

Mr. B. Dobkin, Chairman of the Jewish Agency's Organization Department, spoke on the Zionist movement within the Agency at this morning's session.

When the Council meeting was opened, Mr. S. Arama, the Secretary-General of Mafpi, welcomed the delegates.

The Council also heard a proposal for a party Supreme Court of Honour. Mr. S. Arama, the Secretary-General of Mafpi, welcomed the delegates.

Philanthropy Passed

Mr. Berl Locker, chairman of the Jewish Agency Executive, said that "the period of philanthropy has passed." Every Jew in the world must impose on himself a voluntary responsibility for the ingathering of the Exiles.

Urgent needs to evacuate entire communities might arise any day. In particular, the position of North African Jewry was very uncertain owing to the recent developments in Morocco. (See Story — Page 3).

The Jewish Agency should obtain a recognized position in Israel, but the Zionist movement must unreservedly identify itself with the State of Israel, he said. Any artificial differentiation between the two when attempted in the past had proved unreal, he added.

Proposal Seen To Nationalize Suez

CAIRO, Saturday (Reuters). — A number of Egyptian Members of Parliament are backing a move for nationalization of the Suez Canal, the Arabic weekly "Al-Nasr" reported today.

The Journal said the members were contemplating the early introduction of a bill to nationalize the Company in a way similar to the nationalization of Spain's oil industry.

Iran Opposition Urges Taking Over U.S. Oil Holdings

TEHRAN, Saturday. — The National Front Party, leading advocate of oil nationalization, today designated the nationalization of American-operated oil interests on Bahrain Island and the Persian Gulf. The Senate voted four to one to refer the proposal to nationalize the Anglo-Iranian oil holdings to a special 18-member committee for study over the week-end. The bill had been passed by the lower house on Thursday.

Officials of the Anglo-Iranian company here declined to comment today on the consequences of nationalization proceedings, but it is believed the company has decided to demand arbitration of the case if the Persian Government carries through its plans.

Persian observers explain that the clamour for oil nationalization is partly patriotic and partly the fear of further disorders.

The Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Finance and Justice has issued Persian experts in advising against nationalization in their report to the former Premier but have been denounced by the National Front opposition.

(Reuters, U.P.)

U.K. Will Make Atom Bombs

LONDON, Saturday (Reuters). — Britain has decided to begin production of the atomic bomb, it was authoritatively learned here today. The bomb will be built without direct aid from the U.S., and may be ready in the near future. Unconfirmed reports say Britain will ask the U.S. Atomic Energy Commission to make available a testing site for the first bomb. British experts are understood to be anxious the bomb should be tested in the Nevada desert, where atom tests took place last month.

Mr. George Strout, Minister of Supply, told Parliament last week that Britain had the technical knowledge to produce atom bombs. Other references to the fact that Britain was developing atomic weapons, among others, were made by a Government spokesman as far back as last May.

Two Centres

Intensive work has been going on since the end of the last war at Britain's two atomic research centres — at Harwell, Berkshire and Sellafield, Cumberland. Thousands of radioactive isotopes have been produced, and in January Britain began large-scale production of plutonium, a vital atom bomb component serving as an alternative for uranium.

British scientists are also working on a prototype atomic pile for ship propulsion use for generating electricity. The work is to cost about \$100 million, said a Foreign Ministry spokesman.

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"Such a step will weigh heavily in negotiations and will help to protect the cause of world peace," said a Foreign Ministry spokesman.

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Big Four End Second Week; No Progress

PARIS, Saturday, (Reuters). — The Big Four Deputies ended the second week of their talks today without making any headway towards an agreed agenda for a Foreign Ministers conference. A Western spokesman said after today's meeting: "There has been no progress."

The Western Deputies developed their argument that Mr. Andre Gromyko, the Russian Deputy, with his rigid insistence on the wording of the Soviet agenda, was in effect trying by this means to alter the policies of their governments.

Mr. Gromyko, in a lengthy speech devoted mainly to German demilitarization, said he was strengthened in his opinion that the three Western powers did not wish this problem to be seriously examined at a meeting of the Foreign Ministers.

Mr. Ernest Davies, (Britain) referred to Mr. Gromyko's point that the reduction of armed forces should be confined to the four powers represented at the conference because otherwise it would be too vague. If that was too vague, Mr. Davies asked, could the Deputies not go even further and confine the discussion of the reduction of armed forces to one power only — for example, the Soviet Union?

Propaganda Battle

M. Alexandre Parodi, (France) said the truth seemed to be that not only did Mr. Gromyko ask the Western powers to agree to the Soviet case but also to work it precisely as in the Soviet agenda. M. Parodi feared the meeting of the Foreign Ministers might develop into a propaganda battle. This was not desirable, he said.

Shah Transfers First Village

TEHRAN, Saturday, (Reuters). — The Shah, in accordance with his policy of selling inherited crown lands to the people, today transferred a village that formed part of his personal estate to 143 peasants on favourable long-term conditions.

The peasants, each of whom received eight hectares, were granted 20 per cent of the land free of cost and will pay the rest over a period of 25 years. The Shah went himself to officiate at the transfer. The village is Dandabeh, in the Varamin area, where he has large estates, some 25 kms. north-east of Tehran.

Iraq to Get U.K. Aid For Oil Refinery

BAGHDAD, Saturday (Reuters). — Dr. Nadim Pachachi, the director of the Iraq Ministry of Economics, left for London yesterday to negotiate with British and Anglo-American firms for the building of a firm government oil refinery in the Baghdad area. Iraq recently approved expenditure of this sum.

Seat for Germany On Council of Europe

PARIS, Saturday (Reuters). — Foreign Ministers of the 12-Nation Council of Europe agreed in principle here yesterday that West Germany should take her place on the Committee of Ministers, the Upper House of the Council.

They decided, however, to refer her application to the Standing Committee of the Consultative Assembly as a matter of precedent and courtesy. Since the Standing Committee is not due to meet till April, this is expected to delay Germany's admission till May.

At today's meeting of the Committee of Ministers, M. Guy Mollet (France) said his country had taken the "first step" towards the admission of Germany to the Council of Europe.

The British Foreign Secretary, Herbert Morrison, replied that in the case of, say, Belgium and Luxembourg, it would be "extremely disagreeable" to the contracting parties to have to accept other nations' having a say in its formation.

Opposes Obligation

When Mollet declared that this was nevertheless exactly what he wanted, Mr. Morrison suggested that it was "strange" that I should come to France to defend French liberties. Mr. Morrison said that nations who wanted to take part in such specialized agencies should be free to do so — but there should be no obligation, not even moral obligation.

Morrison today adopted the same line as his predecessor, Ernest Bevin, and opposed an amendment to the statute of the Council of Europe which would commit the Consultative Assembly to the discussion of matters of national defence.

Three Requisites For Higher Prices

TEL AVIV, Saturday. — Higher prices for manufactured goods would be approved by the Ministry of Trade and Industry if the applicants could prove the following three points:

- 1) That the price of the raw materials had been considerably increased.
- 2) That the increase of workers' wages had been justified, and
- 3) That the increase had resulted in expenses which could not be met from current profits.

This was revealed yesterday by Mr. H. Hollander, Director-General of the Ministry of Trade and Industry, at a press conference here. A fact-finding committee would study the claims in each case, he said.

Barth Urges Halt To Panic Buying

TEL AVIV, Saturday. — An appeal to halt the "unreasonable panic" which had caused this week's fantastic increase in the price of gold and the unnecessary hoarding of unessential goods was voiced here yesterday by Dr. A. Barth, General Manager of the Anglo-Palestine Bank, speaking at the weekly luncheon of the Tel Aviv Commercial and Industrial Club.

Dr. Barth said he was aware that there were being sold at exorbitant prices such goods as cement, but he said it was to be fought by economic means, not by putting a controller over every citizen.

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ISRAEL ATTENDS U.N. PEACE GROUP SESSION

By Jesse Zel Luria, POST Correspondent
LAKE SUCCESS, Saturday. — The 14-member U.N. Peace Observation Commission — most important international commission on which Israel has a seat — was organized yesterday under the strong guiding hand of U.S. Ambassador Ernest A. Gruening.

Israel found itself standing alone between East and West at the election of officers and cash bank ballots. Although not wishing to join the Soviet bloc and vote for the Czechoslovak candidate as chairman, it wished to protest against the majority selection of Juan Francisco Uribe, of Colombia, representative of one of the worst of the Latin American dictatorships and well known for his personal meanness.

While in Israel, Gruening was considered to be a great light that on the first commission in which Israel and an Arab country (Iraq) sit side by side, an Arab was chosen

ARAB LEAGUE COUNCIL MEETS

The 14th meeting of the Arab League General Council was opened in Cairo yesterday by Lebanese Premier Hajj Hussein al Awaad, the Near East Arab Broadcasting station has reported. The Council's agenda includes the ratification of the League's Political Committee resolutions on Morocco, Libya and the Arab refugee issue.

The League's Israel Boycott Committee meanwhile has just completed its quarterly report recommending the tightening of transit goods control through Arab ports, as well as increased control of frontier and armistice lines to prevent smuggling into Israel.

MacArthur Visits Korean Front

TOKYO, Saturday, (Reuters). — General MacArthur today paid a surprise visit to the Korean front, travelling by jeep along dusty roads from Wonsu in the central sector to within a mile of the front line.

He paused for five minutes at Marine division H.Q. — his longest halt of the day.

Reports from the front line were heavily censored. They told of American and South Korean patrols probing vigorously north of the Han River all along the western front.

In the central sector a Chinese company counter-attacked American troops.

The United States 8th Army was moving a Communist division line 15 kms. south of the 38th Parallel on the peaks commanding the Imjin River valley, one of the most formidable natural defence barriers in Korea.

In earlier fighting in the central sector today, 11,000 Communist resistance collapsed in the hills and ridges east of Hongchon, when strong American forces recaptured three strategic hill positions.

The Communists withdrew under cover of darkness.

Air Collision

An air force communiqué reported today that an American Shooting Star jet collided in mid-air with a MIG type aircraft in a battle between three Shooting Stars and three Russian type planes south of Nidong.

Both planes plunged to the ground.

Yesterday U.N. planes few 1,125 missions against Communist forces and installations — a record so far.

U.K. — Egyptian Sterling Pact Will Have Commons Approval

By George Lichfield, POST Correspondent

LONDON, Saturday. — The Anglo-Egyptian sterling agreement is not expected to come under heavy fire here, despite the Opposition's display of indignation in Parliament this week. During the coming debate on the question, Mr. Churchill is expected to stress his favourite theme that the Labour Government is surrendering British interests on all sides, and that its weakness is encouraging the spread of anti-Western feeling in Persia.

Although this has become the theme song of the Tory opposition, it is clear that the object of their campaign is largely electoral.

Favourable reaction to the agreement by the "Economist" and lack of criticism from the "Manchester Guardian" indicate the Liberal Party will support the agreement, meaning that the Tory attack cannot hope to shake the Government majority.

Labour Satisfied

On the subject of the Suez Canal and the Haifa Refinery, Mr. Hugh Gaitskell, Chancellor of the Exchequer, yesterday produced the standard argument that the deals would have fallen through if any attempt had been made to couple them with political matters, which will shortly come before the Security Council.

German Army Talks

BONN, Saturday (Reuters). — Talks between the three Western powers and West Germany on a German contribution to a European army were resumed yesterday until April 6 to enable all parties to consult their governments.

The main subject of a three-hour meeting yesterday was understood to be the question of finding accommodation for Allied troops in Germany.

AFTER MIDNIGHT

Reactions of 20 Egyptian MPs to the Suez Canal nationalization were reported in the Egyptian press today. The press said that the majority of the MPs were in favour of the nationalization of the Canal.

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Draining of Huleh Goes Before M.A.C.

A meeting of the Israel-Syria Mixed Arbitration Commission is scheduled to take place tomorrow at Raed Pina. The M.A.C. will deal with the Syrian complaint on the drainage of the Huleh marshes.

An official Syrian communiqué on Friday admitted that Israeli workers in the Huleh swamp land, had been fired upon the previous day by owners of the land that was drained. Damascus radio reported.

It claimed that General W. E. Riley, U.N. Chief of Staff, had ruled on March 5 that all work on the eastern bank of the Jordan was to be suspended pending clarification by the M.A.C.

Swedish Union Delegates Here

TEL AVIV, Saturday. — A Swedish trade union delegation arrived here by air on Thursday night. They are led by Mr. Axel Strand, chairman of the Swedish National Labour Organization and Deputy Speaker of the Lower Chamber.

Prime Minister Ben Gurion greeted the delegation when its members attended part of last night's session of the Knesset Council here. The Jewish people, Mr. Ben Gurion said, would never forget the help the Swedish people had shown the victims of Nazi persecution. Mr. Strand said the Swedish people were watching with interest the development of Israel and would help wherever possible.

The other members of the delegation are Mrs. Greta Bergström, head of the women's section of the Cooperative Society Movement, and Mr. Hugo Edman, director of the Swedish Cooperative Union, and Mrs. Strand, Mr. Paul Fränkel, leading Zionist in Sweden, and Mrs. Fränkel, also in the party. The delegation was on its way to Tel Aviv on Friday for a meeting with the Jewish Agency Executive who are their hosts.

Dutch Credit For Israel Trade

THE HAGUE, Saturday, (Reuter). — Dr. J. P. Postuma, director of the Dutch Finance Corporation for National Reconstruction, today announced that a new export finance corporation which will be established with a capital of 25m. guilders will make credit available for trade with Israel.

The corporation is to provide money to Dutch firms whose foreign customers want to trade with Israel. The corporation will also be extended to trade with Indonesia, South America and Middle Eastern countries.

Workers at Institute End Two-Day Strike

REHOVOT, Saturday. — The two-day strike of about 100 scientific and technical workers of the Agricultural Research Institute ended yesterday when the Workers' Committee was informed by the Jewish Agency Executive that a special bonus would be given to make up for differences in pay.

The Institute is to pass from Jewish Agency to Government control on April 1. It was announced yesterday at a meeting attended by Ben-Zion Y. Dori, President of the Agricultural Institute; Mr. E. Givati, Director-General of the Ministry of Agriculture; Mr. M. Chai, of the Agency's Settlement Department; Dr. S. Rabinowitz, the Director of the Institute, and representatives of the Workers' Committee.

Budget Heads Knesset Agenda This Week

The budget debate is the only item on the Knesset agenda for this week aside from the routine matters of questions and motions for debate.

Conspicuously absent from the agenda are the first reading of the election bill, the drafting of which has not yet been completed by the Legislation Committee, and the debate on the Foreign Minister's statement about reparations from Germany.

Ration News

Jerusalem District: Physical therapists who have received permission to draw special food rations are to apply to the Food Section clerk in room 21 of the Hahadassah building in Rehov Hahashmonaim between 4 and 5 p.m. today. Licenses will be issued. They should take the permit and their ration books.

Personal Notices

Our heartfelt congratulations to JUDITH and JOSEPH NACHMIAS on the birth of their first son.

Management and Staff of The Palestine Automobile Corp. Ltd. and affiliated companies.

TO SHILOMO BEN-ZVI (Rahovot) our deepest sympathy in his bereavement on the loss of his mother.

SARA and ELIZABETH EVEN Tel Aviv.

Police Find Lost Girl in 10 Hours

NATHANYA, Saturday. — After an extensive 10-hour search, a 10-year-old girl, Kadima, was found under some bushes eight kilometers from her home in the early hours of this morning.

The whole ma'bara, immigrants from Yemen, turned out to look for her when she failed to return from her kindergarten in Kadima. She usually came home alone.

The police were notified at 5:30 p.m. and organized two search parties, using pressure lamps when darkness set in. At midnight the child's footprints were found zigzagging in the sand dunes and she was later discovered asleep in an exhausted state. She was unharmed, but would not speak of her adventure.

Yosef Sassoon Leaves Hospital for Rest Home

JAFFA, Saturday. — The 71-year-old Yosef Sassoon, who was found beside his dead brother in the sand dunes near Beit Yam for 48 hours, left the Dajani hospital here yesterday for a rest home in Ramle.

The blond, tanned son of a police constable in Rehovot, had recovered from his ordeal. The boy has still not spoken of his experiences or how he happened to wander off from home.

He appears, in fact, to have forgotten the whole event.

Killed While Collecting Straw in Village

REHOVOT, Saturday. — Mistaken for a murderer yesterday morning, Nathan Haim Kureli, 35, of Moshav Halutz (Huleh) was shot and killed while collecting straw near Migdal Gad. He had gone out with some friends when Moshe Cohen, 18, a guard of Migdal Gad, allegedly fired a full Stear gun magazine at him. Cohen was detained.

PILOT INJURED WHEN PLANE CRASHES

TEL AVIV, Saturday. — The pilot of a "Duxing" aircraft was injured when his Piper Cub plane crashed in a field near Rehovot on Wednesday. The pilot, James MacMillan, was bashed between runs at a height of about 10 metres when a gust of wind is believed to have pushed the plane's nose down. The pilot was taken to a military hospital.

Electric Current Cuts Start Today

Restrictions will go into effect today on the use of electricity supplied by the Palestine Electric Corporation. The company has announced that the curtailments are due to the breakdown of a generating set and overtaxing of lines by the early commencement of irrigation.

The use of current for cooking, baking and heating will be restricted between 7:30 and 11:30 a.m. and 4 and 5 p.m. Sections on the use of electrical current for irrigation pumps will be effective in the Company's Southern supply area between 11 a.m. and 12:30 p.m., and in its Northern supply area between 12:30 p.m. and 3 p.m. The restriction are not effective on Saturday.

It was announced that contravention of the restrictions would lead to an immediate stoppage of current. This applies to all parts of the country except those supplied by the Jerusalem Electric Company.

Domestic consumers were asked to curtail consumption by using only one electric light bulb in each room, and commercial and industrial consumers by using electricity sparingly.

Egypt Trying to Halt Israel-Sudan Trade

There has been more trade between Sudan and Israel since January 1 of this year, Ahmed Hani, the Egyptian Minister of Trade and Commerce, told the Near East Arab Station recently.

Egypt has declared itself ready to purchase all Sudanese surplus goods, even if not needed by Egypt, in order to prevent the export of these goods to Israel, the Egyptian Minister declared.

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Rise of African Nationalism Threatens Thousands of Jews

TEL AVIV, Saturday. — Rabbi Barnett Brickner, of Cleveland, who arrived in Israel after touring Jewish communities in North Africa, warned here that a rising tide of Arab nationalism endangered 600,000 to 700,000 Jews in Morocco, Tunis and Algeria. In consultations with the leaders of the Jewish Agency and the Jewish Agency Executive he asked for a higher immigration quota for North African Jews as a preventive measure.

Egyptians Sentence Moslem Brothers

CAIRO, Saturday, (Reuter). — Fifteen Egyptians were sentenced today to hard labour terms ranging from three years to a year on charges of terrorist activities.

The accused had been charged with attempting to seize power by force of arms, political assassinations, exposing the lives of the people to danger and "criminal complicity in outrages during the Arab-Jewish War."

Report to J.D.C.

He sent a report to the American Joint Distribution Committee, which he said, was doing a "superb job" of clothing, feeding and caring for the health and sanitation of the Jews in the city, urging immediate measures to transfer the village communities to the cities, as they were vulnerable to attack. He said that on his return to the U.S. he would call upon the United Jewish Appeal and the J.D.C. to increase their appropriations for North Africa.

25 Die in Tanker Explosion, Train Crash

The Italian oil tanker Monteleone exploded and sank in Naples Harbour yesterday, killing 10 and injuring 41. Besides the crew, 100 workers were on board the 10,400-ton tanker, which was undergoing repairs in the harbour. Damage to the ship was estimated at 1,000,000 lire.

New Governor For Barcelona

MADRID, Saturday, (Reuter). — Senor Alegre, Civil Governor of Barcelona, whose removal was demanded by 300,000 strikers last Monday, was today replaced by General Felipe Acdo.

Turkish Jews Eager To Emigrate

TEL AVIV, Saturday, (ITIM). — The Jews of Turkey are eager to emigrate to Israel despite a feeling of security in their present homes — a feeling which increases with the strengthening ties of friendship between the two countries — and despite their good economic situation. Mr. A. Sassoon, Israel Minister to Turkey, said yesterday at a meeting of the Tel Aviv-Jaffa Chamber of Commerce, Trade and Industry Club.

Mr. Sassoon revealed that the Turkish Government had promised to curb the activities of anti-Semitic weeklies.

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Poker is a Game Of Skill, Court Rules

TEL AVIV, Saturday, (ITIM). — "Open Poker" remains still and is therefore a legal game, the District Court ruled here yesterday.

The court dismissed an appeal by the Attorney-General against an acquittal by the Magistrate's Court a year ago on a charge of gambling. The accused is Mr. Haim Frankfurter, of Rehovot.

Pope Excommunicates Czech Communists

VATICAN CITY, Saturday, (Reuter). — The Vatican today automatically excommunicated members of the Czechoslovak Government who have taken action against the Catholic Church, as well as priests who have actively collaborated with them.

The communiqué declared: "For many months past in the Czechoslovak Republic the rights of the Church have been violated in many frightful ways and numerous ecclesiastical persons have been iniquitously persecuted."

Up to Member Nations

The final decision, as Mr. Acheson pointed out to Congress, rests in the hands of the 12 Atlantic Pact Governments, and not with the U.S. British objections to Spanish participation are both ideological and military. Ideologically, the Government feels that the Atlantic Pact is an association of like-minded states pledged to certain concepts of political liberty and tolerance, and that being anti-Soviet is not sufficient qualification for membership.

Docks Kiss Lawyer

LONDON, Saturday, (Reuter). — Thousands of London dockers stopped work here today for the fifth time in protest against the prosecution of seven of their colleagues on charges of conspiring to incite illegal strikes.

Burley dockers chaired and kissed the defence lawyer, Mr. Sydney Silverman, left-wing Member of Parliament, who was commended by the Judge for his handling of the case.

The court decided that the men should be tried by a jury, for the first time since the Government's war-time restriction on strikes.

U.K. Opposes Spain In Atlantic Pact

LONDON, Saturday, (Reuter). — British diplomatic circles here have strengthened their view that it would not be desirable to admit the Franco Government into the Atlantic Pact, it is understood here.

This is a result of the recent disturbances in Barcelona, combined with a general re-examination of the matter by British military experts and Cabinet ministers.

As U.S. Secretary of State Dean Acheson has stated that his Government definitely favoured bringing Spain into the Atlantic Pact, it is realised here that there is a definite conflict between British and U.S. views on the subject. Britain is therefore waiting for an opportunity to thrash out the whole question with Washington.

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Cables in Brief

REHOVOT, Saturday, (Reuter). — The alleged terrorist activities of her brother, Yehuda Haim, were reported by the Huleh radio station. The station also reported that the Huleh radio station was being used by the Huleh radio station.

Polish Foreign Minister Resigns

LONDON, Saturday, (Reuter). — The Polish Foreign Minister, M. Z. Modzelewski, was relieved of his post by President Bierut at his own request, the Polish News Agency reported today. In a message received in London, the Agency said the resignation was due to bad health.

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